

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A method for skin softening, comprising oral administration of hyaluronic acid in the form of a soft gelatin capsule having a dosage of between 35 to 45 mg and a molecular weight between 50,000 and 200,000 daltons.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the soft gelatin capsule further includes beeswax.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the soft gelatin capsule further includes rice bran oil.